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EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF THE LEADING JOURNALS UPON CURRENT TOPICS—COMPILED EVERY DAY FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.

Old Virginia.

From the N. Y. Tribune. We trust that the result just achieved in the election of Grant and Colfax insures the speedy return of Virginia to self-government and her proper place in the councils of the republic...

A subject now daily commanding much attention in the Old Dominion is her promising young daughter, West Virginia, the opening of direct railway communication between the Ohio river and Chesapeake Bay.

Negotiations looking to the legal consolidation of the existing companies into one which shall be charged with the completion and operation of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad are now in progress...

Honorably Paid.

From the N. Y. Tribune. Desirous as we are of doing even and exact justice to every body, we cheerfully admit the extreme modesty with which Mr. Blair has conducted his share of the late canvass.

It is painful to find humiliation like this so completely fruitless. When the cat has taken so much trouble to roll herself in meal, it is but provoking and uncivil for the rats to find her out.

Unhappy gentlemen! It is at once a pain and a pleasure to think of them as politically defunct forever. We will speak kindly of them, for they have done the State the service of demonstrating that honesty is the best policy after all.

The Next President.

From the Boston Post. The election of Tuesday constitutionally makes General Grant the next President of the United States for four years.

at the polls; and such was the eagerness to make sure of the shield which his military prestige interposed between them and ruin, that they willingly took him as a candidate without a policy, and practically conducted the whole canvass on their side without consulting his name with a single prominent issue.

If he proves to be a man with small regard for the lasting opinions of his countrymen, he will oppose no views or proposals of his own to their predetermined plans. But if a high sense of self respect and a profounder sense of public responsibility rule his character, we have proclamation made in advance by the coadjutors of the party that there will be trouble.

When a citizen of one of the States of the Federal Republic, he is theoretically lifted above the platform of all parties, and from that hour represents the majesty of the united people.

The temptations of the dominant party to continued excesses are likely to be multiplied by their present success. Hence the greater need of the very restraints which are constitutionally appointed.

We have now a right to expect peace, reunion, equal rights, equalized taxes, a sound currency, the revival of industry, the diminution of the public debt, a lightening of taxation, the steady rise in the public securities, the resurrection of commerce, and the return of general prosperity.

A Blunder.

From the N. Y. Evening Post. In war, it is said, a blunder is worse than a crime; and the blunders of the Tammany conspirators on Tuesday night threaten to be more damaging to their reputation, and more dangerous to their success, than even the enormous crimes they had committed in forging votes during the day.

The reports from the State received at Tammany Hall by William M. Tweed, immediately after the election, seem to have been, like those received by others, very favorable to the Republicans. He doubtless had, at 8 o'clock, in answer to the secret circular which the signature of Samuel J. Tilden was forged, substantially the same returns which reached the public about 11 o'clock, and which satisfied the best judges that the State had gone for Grant and Griswold by a small majority.

proprietors to stuff the ballot-boxes with the required number of tickets, and afterwards to count them in full.

The secret circular discloses a plot laid by the Democratic Tammany Committee to cheat the people out of their decision, if they should decide against Hoffman.

The conspirators had provided ample room and verge enough for their frauds by registering forty thousand more names than there are legal voters in the city.

In the haste and confusion of the conspiracy on Tuesday, this pretension was neglected. Tammany had, in many instances, either been carelessly instructed, or have exceeded their instructions.

The Sun has taken the trouble to make a table of the districts in which the Tammany conspirators have thus blundered, and finds no less than twenty-two of them, returning an aggregate majority of 4385 for Hoffman and of 3765 for Seymour.

These twenty-two districts, being fraudulent on their face, can form no part of the returns accepted by the State canvassers.

If the conspirators have blundered in 22 out of 328 districts, so as to expose themselves upon the face of the returns, in how many others have they succeeded in keeping within the limits of fraud they had previously prepared?

On the whole, Mr. Hoffman's case looks very badly. He appears to have very much the same right to be Governor that the receiver of stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen, has to the property for which he pays one fourth of its value in money and the balance in reputation.

The Presidential Election and the Party Press. There is a grand exhibition of human nature in the several organs that rejoice over the Republican victory or try to put a good face on the Democratic defeat.

The Copperhead sheet comforts Seymour with the suggestion that he will be spared all the bother of office, and expresses a definite opinion that he did right in accepting the nomination when he did, but that his real mistake was in declining it so repeatedly before.

There is one hint of repentance for misbehavior. The Copperhead organ regrets that Seymour, who was disposed to "pitch the canvass in a moderate key," was not more successful in giving the tone to discussion.

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party. "The possession of the Executive Department," the same wise heads assert, "as other things will stand, would have been demoralizing in its effects."

But really there are a few points on which explanation would be satisfactory. For months past the same presses have poured forth lamentations over the condition of the country, and the necessity of Democratic success as a means of averting absolute ruin.

Whence, then, the new light that affords the consolation to which Democratic readers are treated by their reputed instructors? What has opened the eyes of the blind, and given conscience to the patrons of perjury and the friends of murder and fraud?

The Party of Fraud.

From the N. Y. World. Horace Greeley's "blockheads" were to have held a jury of inquest on the dead body of New York radicalism Thursday night at the Union League.

But W. H. B. is protesting an importation from one of the rural and radical districts, which the school teachers are as destitute of grammar as the school-houses are of the most ordinary conveniences for securing decency.

And so W. H. B., valuing his head more than liberty and the rights of man and the purity of the ballot, and the rest of it, ignobly went his way.

Will the "blockheads" look into this business? If they do not, we trust the Democratic authorities will do so.

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Uttering themselves through such an organ, and speaking for such an organization, who are these men themselves? What manner of men they are it is not difficult to divine.

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